

# Homeschool Friday Topics 2008-2009

\*\* Using our resources regularly, to enrich your history lessons? Are your students going the extra mile to learn history? Ask about our Student Recognition program and end-of-the-year awards ceremony! \*\*

**August 8 - How to Study a Battle:** Our popular introductory session uses plastic soldiers to introduce some fundamentals of military organization and tactics, useful in the study of battles from any historical period.

**September 12 - War Under Sail: Carolina Privateers:** This month we will look at South Carolina's involvement in naval warfare in the age of "Wooden Ships and Iron Men" – with a focus on the American Revolution.

**October 10 - King's Mountain:** This month will focus on a single battle, which was both a critical engagement in the American Revolution, and a window into frontier culture in the Southeast.

**November 14 - Leadership Lessons of the Mexican War:** Many of the great leaders of the Union and Confederate armies, were young officers serving on the same side when the United States fought Mexico in 1849. Meet Robert E. Lee, "Stonewall" Jackson, and U.S. Grant as they learn the lessons of command.

**December 12 - There's Always a Homefront:** As Christmas approaches, a soldier's thoughts always turn towards home. This month we'll compare the experiences of the people far from the battlefields, carrying on homefront efforts during the 1860's and the twentieth century.

**January 9 - Carolina Swords and Swordsmen:** In an artifact-driven lesson, we will look at South Carolina swords, both as weapons and as ceremonial items. Swords were important on the battlefield through the 1860's and have symbolic uses even in the modern military; we will have both special artifact close-ups, and an interactive lesson on saber training, at this class.

**February 13 - The Carolinas Campaign:** In February of 1865, General William Sherman's troops marched on Columbia. They met little resistance, except for the cavalry of General "Fighting Joe" Wheeler. Learn about the closest battle to the museum itself (Congaree Creek, 5 miles away), and Wheeler's later contributions to American history.

**March 13 - South Carolina at Gettysburg:** In July, 1863, the largest battle on the North American continent changed the course of American history forever.

Learn about the battle from a former National Park Service Gettysburg battlefield guide!

**April 10 - “Somewhere Among the Clouds Above”:** A look at SC military aviators in the wars of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, including a uniformed impression and original artifacts from a Navy flier in the First World War who helped crew an antisubmarine airship.

**May 8 - Awards Ceremony!**